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on with putting all these amendments or, excuse me, all these bills into one bill. I will tell you that at the end of the session last year Senator Hilgert, who was also a former member of the Judiciary Committee, came to the committee and said that he wanted to further a couple of these bills and he'd be glad to do a priority designation to do that. Senator Beutler, and I know that Senator Brashear answered this to a certain extent, Senator Beutler questioned why was this special order. Well, this, as I understand it, was about the fourth bill that was a priority bill of a senator that hadn't been dealt with. We dealt with LB 600, Senator Coordsen talked about that; Senator Foley's fetal homicide; and I think there were one or two others. So there's nothing untoward or special or favorable about this bill. Senator Beutler suggests that somehow the Judiciary Committee did something that was in contradiction to the rules and that's absolutely untrue. Just as the rules allow any committee in here to put a number of bills together in one, it allows another senator to divide them, just as Senator Beutler has done. I think it's interesting though at the beginning of the session we changed our rules so as to, oh, stop people from I guess slowing down the process, and I think that's what we're doing this morning. I think questions are good. We need to know everything that's going on. I think the committee statement that is on LB 82 has an excellent synopsis of these bills and I think that the discussion is good, but to suggest that somehow the process is wrong or the Judiciary Committee acted inappropriately, the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, whoever it might be, I think is inaccurate. And I think that, while a discussion is good, I think that we should maybe refrain from some of these implications. And I'm not going to support the Bruning amendment, but I will support the...this provision of the divided amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Chambers, and this will be your third time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: My third time on the Bruning amendment?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Third time on the Bruning amendment, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature,